

**MINUTES**  
**SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING AND**  
**ANNUAL TRUTH IN TAXATION AND BUDGET HEARINGS**  
**MARCH 9, 2022**

This meeting is face-to-face at the Suttons Bay/Bingham Fire and Rescue Authority meeting room at 201 N. St. Mary's Avenue in Suttons Bay. Due to continuing concerns about Covid transmission there will be a Zoom link for remote attendance by the Public. Any unvaccinated member of the Public in attendance is required to wear a mask. Anyone manifesting any COVID symptoms is prohibited from attending.

**SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TRUTH IN TAXATION  
AND BUDGET HEARINGS**

**CALL TO ORDER: PUBLIC HEARING (TRUTH IN TAXATION & BUDGET)**

Rich Bahle, Supervisor, called the Suttons Bay Township Annual Truth In Taxation and Budget Hearings to order at 5:15 p.m.

Roll call: (Quorum Present)

Present: Rich Bahle, Sandy VanHuystee, Dorothy Petroskey,  
Debbie Slocombe, Tom Nixon

Absent: None

There were no comments from the public and from the Board members.  
Rich Bahle closed the public hearing (Truth in Taxation and Budget Hearings) at 5:24 pm.

**SUTTONS BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER: REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

Rich Bahle, Supervisor, called the Suttons Bay Township Board Meeting to order on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 5:25 pm.

Roll call: (Quorum Present)  
Present: Rich Bahle, Sandy VanHuystee, Dorothy Petroskey,  
Debbie Slocombe, Tom Nixon  
Absent: None  
Staff Present: Steve Patmore

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

***Rich Bahle/moved, Sandy VanHuystee/supported, to approve the agenda as amended, adding under New Business, #5 - Resignation of Amy Coleman from the Planning Commission, and #6 - Carpet Estimates In the Office, passed.***

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** and communications about items not on the agenda.  
Pete Ostrowski - Thanks to Dorothy Petroskey and Sandy VanHuystee for working on the Parks & Rec Bylaws.

### **REPORTS:**

- Treasurer - Had settlement with the County.
- Planning & Zoning - Planning Commission continues to work on zoning ordinance and had a presentation by Nick Nolte of 9 Bean Rows looking to find creative ways to accommodate part-time and fulltime workers.
- Fire Authority - Held Truth in Taxation Hearing for the 2022-2023 Budget, no public comment. Approved the budget, set special meeting to approve amendments to the 2021-2022 budget for next week. Denied 2% grant request from the Tribe. Sold Engine and Fire Rescue Truck. Looking at August election for operating millage for 4 years.
- Parks & Recreation - Rich Bahle said the Grand Traverse Band Flag is on order. Bill Drozdalski provided a copy of the Park Supervisor's Updates. #4 of the Update - Kristin Wilson, tennis instructor, and McKenzie, pickleball instructor made presentations to the Board. AARP has community challenge grant available, to be submitted by March 22, 2022, no matching dollars required, Drozdalski wants to apply for the grant. The Board told Drozdalski to apply for the grant. Pete Ostrowski said Bike Leelanau got a 2% grant for the pump track.
- Facilities - Sample of carpet tile available to look at. Folding door should be completed by next week.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Approval of the Minutes - Previous Meetings  
February 9, 2022 Minutes - ***Sandy VanHuystee/moved to approve the***

***February 9, 2022 Minutes, Rich Bahle/supported. Rich Bahle and Sandy VanHuystee withdrew their motion and support for the motion.***

***Tom Nixon/moved, Rich Bahle/supported to table approval of the February 9, 2022 Minutes to the next meeting and request that Marge Johnson modify the Minutes in a format more appropriate to reflect desires of the Township Board, to have action items as opposed to content of the meeting, passed.***

February 24, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

***Rich Bahle/moved, Dorothy Petroskey/supported, to approve the February 24, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes, passed.***

2. Payment of the Bills

***Rich Bahle/moved, Tom Nixon/supported, to pay the bills in the amount of \$29,828.51, passed.***

3. Discussion Re: Recreation Committee-Future Direction

Dorothy Petroskey, on behalf of the appointed committee, submitted proposed amendments to the Parks & Recreation Committee Bylaws.

Discussion

- Not comfortable with Bill Drozdalski as voting member.
- Bill Drozdalski is the Supervisor and is responsible to the Township Board.
- Chairman Pete Ostrowski should be the official spokesman for Parks & Rec Committee.
- January 31 each year - budget committee makes recommendations to the township board from Parks & Rec recommendations.
- Listen to Parks & Rec Supervisor recommendations.
- Parks & Rec must follow master plan.

***Rich Bahle/moved, Debbie Slocombe/supported, to reconstitute the Parks & Recreation Committee from 7 to 9 members, passed.***

***Consensus of the Board to request that the appointed committee, given the decision, consider making modifications as to what the proposal should be. If the March 24, 2022 deadline doesn't work, put this item on the April 12th Township Board Meeting Agenda.***

4. Supervisor's Resignation - Retraction and Effective Date Change April 20th  
 Rich Bahle said he is withdrawing his letter of resignation dated February 9, 2022. Effective date of resignation - April 30, 2022. Supervisor's resignation on April agenda.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Budget Adoption - Fiscal Year 2022-2023  
***Rich Bahle/moved, Dorothy Petroskey/supported, to approve the revenues and expenditures as prepared by the Budget Committee, unchanged, passed.***
2. Set Millage Rate  
***Rich Bahle/moved, Sandy VanHuystee/supported, to set the annual millage rate for Suttons Bay Township the maximum as allowed by the Headlee Rollback. Roll call vote: Yes: Petroskey, Nixon, Slocombe, VanHuystee, Bahle. No: None. Passed.***
3. Set Date for "Township Clean-Up/Drop-off Day"/May 21 & site discussion  
 Rich Bahle said Township Clean-Up/Drop-off Day will be Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the Road Commission property.
4. Road Commission Project: Report by Supervisor  
 Rich Bahle said the new Road Commission Manager, Craig, would like to meet with the Board. Improvements - wedges on S. Shore Dr., Stoney Point. Wedging at Road Commission cost. Not looking at major repairs.
5. Resignation of Amy Coleman from the Planning Commission  
***Rich Bahle/moved, Tom Nixon/supported, to accept Amy Coleman's resignation from the Planning Commission, passed.***
6. Carpet Estimate -  
***Tom Nixon/moved, Sandy VanHuystee/supported, to approve Floor Brokers carpet installation at a cost of \$11,904.56, authorizing 50% down, and authorizing Tom Nixon to sign any contracts, passed.***

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes by Marge Johnson, Recording Secretary  
Sandra Van Huystee, Township Clerk

**Minutes Approved as-presented on April 13, 2022**